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A SUBJECT CIA Director Casey Comments on Ivy Bells Reporting

J TOM BROKAW: Last May, during our coverage of the Ronald
Pelton spy trial, CIA Director William Casey raised questions
about whether NBC News and correspondent James Polk violated the
law in reporting on a secret eavesdropping project which was
called Ivy Bells. That project had been mentioned by name in the
courtroom.

In a speech in Washington last night, Casey said he now
thinks that there probably is no reason to prosecute. He also
said, "I want to apologize to Polk."